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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN MILITARY
MEDICINE

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1. WE BELIEVE THE ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF MILITARY MEDICINE REPORTED REF A PROVIDES US WITH A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO REOPEN THE QUESTION OF EXCHANGES OF MILITARY ORIENTATION VISITS FIRST RAISED BY US WITH THE ROMANIANS IN OCTOBER 1976 (REF B). AS IS FREQUENTLY THE CASE IN SUCH EXCHANGES WITH THE ROMANIANS, THE LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH INFORMATION IS DESIRED IS FAR TOO GENERAL TO PROVIDE US WITH A SUFFICIENTLY PRECISE NOTION OF THEIR REAL NEEDS. IF, HOWEVER, THE ROMANIANS ARE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM US IN NON-SENSITIVE AREAS OF MILITARY MEDICINE, WE ARE PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL.

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2. PLEASE THEREFORE INFORM THE GOR AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT WE WISH TO RESPOND TO THEIR DESIRE FOR INFORMATION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF MILITARY MEDICINE BUT WE FIND THEIR LIST NEEDS TO BE NARROWED DOWN TO TWO OR THREE AREAS ON WHICH WE COULD CONCENTRATE. WE SUGGEST THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL

AND EFFICIENT WAY TO PROCEED WOULD BE FOR A DELEGATION OF

ROMANIAN MILITARY MEDICAL OFFICERS TO PAY A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE US ARMY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SHOW THE ROMANIANS CERTAIN FACILITIES (THE BURN CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO, FOR EXAMPLE) AND TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS DESIGNED TO PIN DOWN AREAS WHERE FURTHER EXCHANGES MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

3. IN MAKING THIS OFFER TO THE ROMANIANS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT WE WOULD DESIRE RECIPROCITY IN THAT THE ROMANIANS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO HOST A COMPARABLE US GROUP AND PROVIDE IT WITH ROUGHLY COMPARABLE ACCESS TO ROMANIAN MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES. FURTHERMORE, NO US FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO DEFRAY ROMANIAN EXPENSES. ALL VISITS WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO BE ON A "SENDING SIDE PAYS" BASIS AND WOULD BE HANDLED AS A "SELF-INVITE" UNDER EXISTING US ARMY REGULATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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